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SUBJECT: VISIT OF OFFICIALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL

--- ECONOMIC POLICY ASSOCIATION (IEPA)

1. TWO OFFICIALS OF IEPA, RONALD L. DANIELIAN, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHARLES P. RIES, ASSOCIATE ECONOMIST, ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT VENEZUELA (APRIL 18-22), COLOMBIA (APRIL 22-28), AND BRAZIL (APRIL 28 - MAY 8) AS PART OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PREPARATION OF ECONOMIC SURVEYS OF THESE COUNTRIES. THE ASSOCIATION IS UNDERTAKING ON ITS OWN TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IN THESE COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIC, BUSINESS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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DANIELIAN AND RIES WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CALL UPON APPRO-

PRIATE EMBASSY OFFICERS FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE COUNTRIES THEY ARE VISITING. WE ARE SUGGESTING TO THE ASSOCIATION THAT IT WRITE TO THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AT EACH OF THE ADDRESSEE POSTS TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ASSOCIATION MIGHT ALSO REQUEST SOME ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS IF IT ENCOUNTERS DIFFICULTIES IN DOING SO ON ITS OWN.

2. THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY ASSOCIATION IS A NON-PROFIT RESEARCH GROUP BASED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ITS MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF SOME TWO DOZEN LEADING AMERICAN FIRMS REPRESENTING MOST MAJOR INDUSTRIAL SECTORS IN THE U.S. THE ASSOCIATION'S FOCUS IS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND ON CURRENT CONDITIONS AND THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR COUNTRIES IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE WORLD. THE ASSOCIATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1957 AND HAS CONDUCTED A MAJOR ECONOMIC SURVEY OF WESTERN EUROPE EACH YEAR FOR THE PAST DECADE, AND IS NOW PLANNING BRIEFER SURVEYS OF BRAZIL, VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA. THE ASSOCIATION INDICATES THAT IT IS INTERESTED IN THE MACROECONOMIC AND POLITICAL OUTLOOKS FOR EACH COUNTRY. ITS ANALYSES ARE EXPECTED TO COVER SUCH MATTERS AS ECONOMIC GROWTH PROSPECTS, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OUTLOOK (INCLUDING TRADE AND DEBT TRENDS), POLITICAL STRESSES, INFLATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THE FUTURE EVOLUTION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT POLICIES. THE SURVEYS WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE VIEWS OF POLICY MAKERS, JOURNALISTS, ACADEMICS AND BUSINESSMEN DIVERGE OR CONCUR ON KEY PROBLEMS OF EACH NATION.

3. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE IEPA, IF IT IS REQUESTED, IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THESE SURVEYS. INGERSOLL

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